

The State of Louisiana has a rich history of welcoming International Associate Teachers into our elementary school World Language and Immersion programs. Both the Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism: CODOFIL are sponsors of J1 visas through Louisiana’s Accords and MOUs signed with our International Government Partners.

For those school districts interested in hiring teachers outside of the International Associate Teacher program, we encourage LEA Human Resources and School Principals to reach out to J1 Visa Sponsors who have received a letter of “No Objection” to place exchange teachers in the State of Louisiana. It is the responsibility of the Local Education Agency and Host School to review all contracts and requirements of sponsors. The Louisiana Department of Education does not endorse a particular sponsor.

Private and non-profit organizations may request a letter of “No Objection” to sponsor Exchange Teachers and place legally hired international teachers in Louisiana schools in order to enrich the lives of our students and the communities in which they live. The placement of teachers shall not compete with the long-standing International Associate Teacher program led by LDOE and CODOFIL.

Interested organizations should contact the Louisiana Department of Education at Language.Acquisition@la.gov to provide the following information and request the SEVIS required No Objection Letter.

1. Evidence of at least three successful years of placing and supervising exchange teachers.
2. A current copy of the Redesignation Letter from SEVIS.
3. An articulated plan for orienting teachers upon arrival and protocols for on-going support.
4. Guidance to select and support host schools and administrators.
5. Established protocols for emergency support.

Organizations operating in the State of Louisiana agree to the following steps:

1. Maintain [a list](#) of placements with the Louisiana Department of Education.
2. Secure Louisiana teaching certification with the [Foreign Application](#).
3. Support teachers with appropriate paperwork at the end of their exchange.

Please provide contact information for publication in our Louisiana Exchange Teacher Sponsor Guide.

SPONSOR	WEBSITE	CONTACT EMAIL	CONTACT PHONE
GeoVisions	geovisions.com	info@geovisions.com	1-603-363-4187
GEC: Global Education Concepts	gecexchanges.com/	contact@gecexchanges.com	1-615-391-2924
Greenheart Exchange	greenheartexchange.org		1-866-224-0061
IIE	iie.org	jvisasponsorship@iie.org	1-212-984-5313
Teachers Council	teacherscouncil.com	info@teacherscouncil.com	1-443-949-3263
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